

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. Cancelled)

5. (Amended) ~~The method of claim 4 additionally comprising the steps of:~~

A method of constructing jump cups for agility competitions, a jump bar being supported by said cups and the cups being supported by jump standards, said cups being made of metallic round stock, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) bending the metallic round stock into a substantially arcuate shape,

an inner diameter of the arc being substantially equal to a diameter of the bar;

(b) operably attaching said arcuate shaped round stock to the standards

such that the arc lies in a substantially vertical plane and is spaced away from the standard;

(c) arranging two additional lengths of metallic round stock parallel to one another;

(d) operably attaching a plurality of the jump cups to the two lengths of metallic

round stock, spacing them a predetermined distance apart to make an assembly of jump cups;

(e) operably attaching said assembly of jump cups to the standard;

(f) bending the metallic round stock at each end of the arcuate shape to form two supports lying in a substantially horizontal plane when operably attached to the standard;

(g) forming attachment sections by bending each of the two metallic round stock supports in a direction parallel to the two additional, parallel lengths of metallic round stock; and

(h) operably affixing the attachment sections to the additional, parallel lengths of metallic round stock.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Amended) ~~The jump cup of claim 10 additionally comprising:~~

A jump cup for agility tests, a jump comprising at least two jump standards, a jump bar and at least two jump cups, said jump cup comprising:

- (a) a section of metallic round stock bent into an arcuate shape, an inner diameter of the arc being substantially equal to a diameter of the jump bar;
- (b) means for attaching said arcuate shaped metallic round stock to a jump standard such that the arc lies in a substantially vertical plane and is spaced away from the jump standard;
- (c) two additional lengths of metallic round stock arranged parallel to one another to which are attached a plurality of the jump cups, spaced a predetermined distance apart to make an assembly of jump cups; and
- (d) straps for attaching said assembly of jump cups to the standard;
- (e) supports formed by bending the metallic round stock at each end of the arcuate shape, said supports lying in a substantially horizontal plane when operably attached to the standard;
- (f) attachment sections formed by bending each of the two metallic round stock supports in a direction parallel to the two additional, parallel lengths of metallic round stock; and
- (g) welds for affixing the attachment sections to the additional, parallel lengths of metallic round stock.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)